

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-13 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims:

21. (twice amended) A method of manufacturing a cellulosic/polymer product, said method consisting essentially of:

mixing together a composite consisting essentially of:

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- (a) at least one cellulosic filler in an amount of about 30% to about 70% by weight of said composite; and
 - (b) at least one polypropylene material in an amount of about 30% to about 70% by weight of said composite, said at least one polypropylene material comprised of at least one lubricant in an amount of about 10 to about 20 parts per 100 parts of a polypropylene resin;

transferring said composite directly to an extruder such that a pelletizing step is eliminated; and

extruding said composite through a die to form a final shape.

28. (amended) A method of manufacturing a cellulosic/polymer product, said method consisting essentially of:

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mixing together a composite consisting essentially of:

- (a) at least one cellulosic filler in an amount of about 30% to about 60% by weight of said composite; and

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- (b) at least one polyvinyl chloride material in an amount of about 40% to about 70% by weight of said composite, said at least one polyvinyl chloride material comprised of at least one stabilizer in an amount of about 1 to about 10 parts per 100 parts of a polyvinyl chloride resin, at least one lubricant in an amount of about 2 to about 12 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin, and at least one process aid in an amount of about 0.5 to about 8 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin;

transferring said composite directly to an extruder such that a pelletizing step is eliminated; and

extruding said composite through a die to form a final shape.
